National Language Promotion Bureau

2011. SHRIURKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider the question of formation of a National Language Promotion Bureau for the unscheduled languages of the country with a view to protect their original languages;

(b) whether there would be any policy for proper documentation of tribal languages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government of India is committed to the development and promotion of all Indian languages including scheduled and unscheduled languages and have set up various organizations for the purpose. Of these organizations, Central Institute of Indian Languages, (GIL), Mysore, a subordinate office under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary and Higher Education looks after the promotion and development of both scheduled languages (other than Hindi, Urgu, Sanskrit and Sindhi for which separate organizations exist) and unscheduled languages including tribal languages. GIL has created a data archive of 118 languages and studies 80 tribal languages. It has published number of grammars, phonetic readers and dictionaries on tribal languages. The special focus of the institute at present is on the languages of North East and tribal languages of Himachal Pradesh as well as tribal languages of the Central India. Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali languages have recently been included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution by 92nd Constitution Amendment Act, 2003.

Evening shifts in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2012. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has taken a decision to start evening shift in some Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Kendriya Vidyalayas where evening shifts are likely to be started;